# SCARUS VIRIDIS.

### *Character Genericus.*

*Caput:* *Dentium* loco maxillæ ipſæ eminentes; margine dentato-crenatæ oſſeæ.

*Membrana branchioſtega* radiis quinque; Operculum integerrimum.

*Corpus:* Linea lateralis plurimis ramoſa.

*Lin. Syſt. Nat.* Gmel. p. 1280.

### *Character Specificus, &c.*

SCARUS viridis, linea laterali interrupta.

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*Bloch auſl. Fiſch.* 7. *t.* 222.

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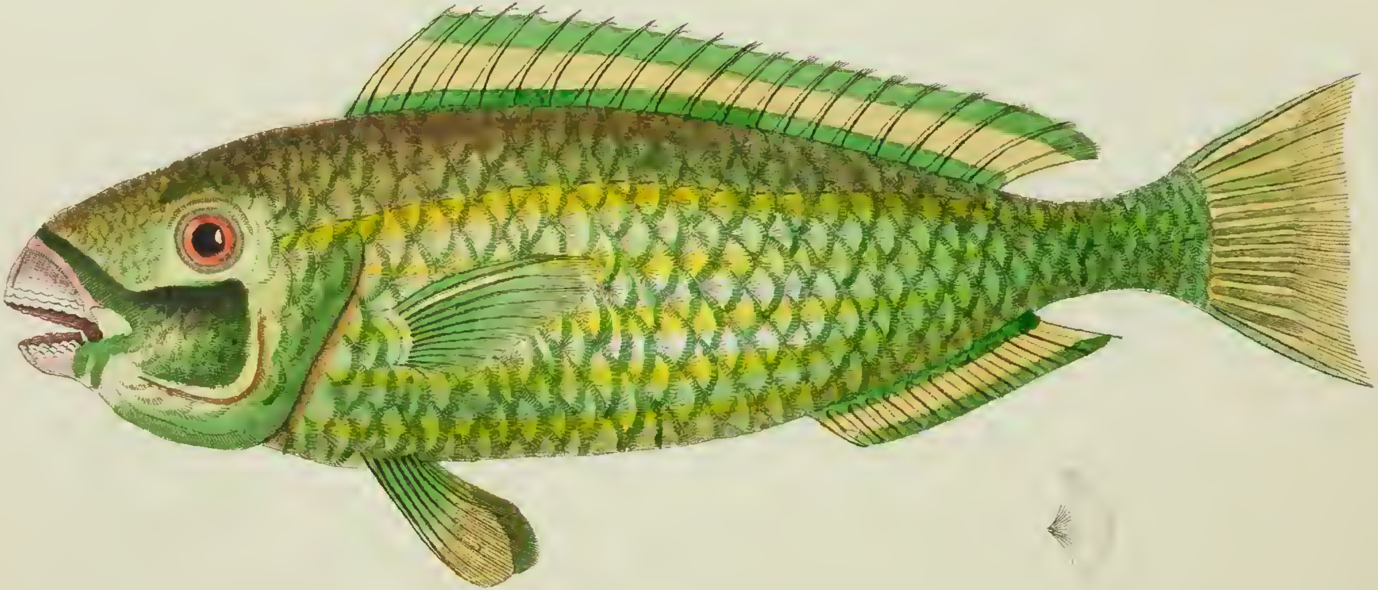
Ad generis *Scari* diſtinctionem inſignis eſt forma dentium, qui conſtant e duabus quaſi maxillis ſeu laminis oſſeis in utraque mandibula ſitis, quales ſunt in genere Tetrodontis; margine vero ſerie denticulorum ſeparatorum crenata. Hæ quoque ipſæ laminæ oſſeæ, ſi accuratius inſpiciantur, conſtare videntur in nonnullis ſpeciebus e congerie quaſi dentium minorum, ſuper ſe invicem ſerie continuata ſurgentium, adeo ut belle cælatas putes. Squamæ pluribus ſcaris magnæ ſunt, et colores vividi. Scarus quem oſtendit tabula, æquat magnitudine *Cyprinum Carpionem*, et alitur in aquis Japonicis.



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# GREEN SCARUS.

*Generic Character.*

Strong *bony proceſſes*, crenated at the edges, inſtead of teeth.

*Specific Character.*

Green SCARUS, with interrupted lateral line.

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The genus Scarus is eminently diſtinguiſhed by the form of its teeth, which conſiſt of a pair of ſtrong, bony proceſſes in each jaw, as in the genus Tetrodon; but marked or crenated round the edges by a number of ſeparate denticulations: the whole body alſo of the bony proceſſes themſelves, if narrowly examined, will be found to conſiſt, in ſome ſpecies, of a kind of aggregate maſs of ſmaller teeth, placed as it were in ſucceſſion over each other, and giving a beautiful kind of carved appearance to the whole. The ſcales in moſt of the Scari are large, and the colors beautiful. The preſent ſpecies is about the ſize of a Carp, and is a native of Japan.